

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-21 and 23-24 are in the application. Claims 3, 14, 17-20, and 22 have been cancelled.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-16 and 21-24 were rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,835,580 in view of JP 2001-230520 and U.S. Patent No. 5,766,972.

Applicants have timely filed herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321, thus making this rejection moot.

In view of all of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 501086 in the amount of \$130.00 due for the Statutory Disclaimer Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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